# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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DANIEL REECE	Q.
(In the space above enter the full name(s) of the plaintiff(s)/petitioner(s).)	10 Civ. 2901 (DF)
- against - Show & Prove LLC D/B/A Marc Ecko Entertainment, Marc Ecko Unitd.,	AFFIRMATION IN OPPOSITION TO MOTION
Marc Ecko Enterprises et al, Atari, Infogrames Entertainment, Sony	TO DISMISS SECOND AMENDED
Computer Entertainment of America LLC, Sony et al, Microsoft,	COMPLAINT
Foundation 9 Entertainment aka The Collective et al.	
(In the space above enter the full name(s) of the defendant(s)/respondent(s).)	
I, DANIEL REECE , affirm under penals  1. I, DANIEL REECE , am the plaintiff defe	ty of perjury that:  ndant in the above entitled action, and
respectfully submit this affirmation in opposition to the mo	otion dated $\frac{\text{JANUARY}}{\text{(date of motion)}}$ , $20\frac{11}{\text{,}}$
(name of moving party)	at the court order the following relief:
To dismiss the second amended complaint based on lack of "substant (state what the moving party wants the	Judge to order)
defendant's memorandum of law.	
2. I have personal knowledge of facts which bear on t	this motion because I am the plaintiff in the
2. I have personal knowledge of facts which both of case; complainant. I am also the copyright owner, author, and visual case; complainant.	al artwork artist as recognized under sec. 106a
(state the basis on which you learned of t	he relevant facts)
3. The motion should be denied because (state your reasons	using additional paragraphs and sheets of paper as necessary)
Even in the pre-discovery stages it is apparent that the defendant ha	as not been forthcoming with information vital
to prove their denial of visual arts infringement. Specifically, with re-	spect to 106a, and also "substantial similarity"
4. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitt	ted that the motion should be denied.
I declare under penalty of perjury that the for	egoing is true and correct.
Dated: NEW YORK , NY Signature 700	Lanay Avenue Apt 24-H
New New	Lenox Avenue Apt. 24 - H York, New York 10039 - 4531
MARCH 7th, 20	Jumber <sup>(917)</sup> 334 - 0245
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3.

Fact 1: The defendant claims no "substantial similarity" amongst the Visual Artwork. This claim is used by showing exhibit J from the Fernandez declaration and not exhibits letter I and L.

#### Firstly,

In exhibit letter I we see the capital D, lower case I, and upper case P, all visually and artistically expressed in graffiti style. The incorporation of other elements inherent in my copyright protected works are also clear as you see the star not above the lower case I but above in the letter D distorted And so that there is no doubt, as if to say, also seen, is an additional star enclosing the opening of the upper case P.

It can only be thought to be curious how this was not presented to the court in defendant's claim of no "substantial similarity." It could be argued that the defendant's example to the court of exhibit J and the exhibit letter I are totally dissimilar.

The example of exhibit letter I contains key elements of my known artwork, with all artistically expressed: 1) Upper case D; 2) Lower case letter I; 3) Upper case P; 4) Star element; 5) Connectivity of the artistically expressed letters.

Secondly, in Fernandez exhibit L we see in primary colors, and 3-D, 2-D outlining key elements again: 1) Upper case D; 2) lower case I; 3) Upper case P; 4) Connectivity of the artistically expressed letters; 5) The Upper case P is especially noteworthy. 5) In Goldman's declaration exhibit C p.3 when compared to Fernandez exhibit letter I expresses "substantial similarity." This as it could be interpreted that the same artist authored the two visual artworks.

Finally, sec. 106a of the Copyright Law (VARA) gives a special consideration to visual artistry in that the copyright owner has moral rights. In Circular 40 from the U.S. Copyright Office, p. 5, it states: "For certain ... visual art ... authors are accorded rights of attribution and integrity. The right of attribution ensures that artists are correctly identified with the works of art they create and that they are not identified with works created by others. "

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Fact 1 A - B:

The defendant claims no "substantial similarity" amongst the Visual Artwork. They say that by comparing my copyrighted art to that within the game that " ... there are no similarities (p.11 defendant's mol) in the artistic expression ..."

This claim is curious, if we look at the letters M, S, and I, visually and artistically expressed, we see that a case can be made against no similarity. Indeed the defendants admit that Dipism which is the original artist's way of saying that this is a total artistic expression and a signature artistic "piece" (masterpiece) appears not once, not twice, but three times while only one representation is included in the defendant's mol at this pre-discovery point in time. The importance of the added ISM to the artist is that it accentuates the artistic expression as one of totality and singularity, capable of only being attributed, and recognized, (amongst fellow artists of the genre as well ) as being solely attributed, to that particular individual artist adding it to their visually artistic work paintings, drawings, and or writings.

Similarly in Fernandez's declaration under exhibit letters E and F we see the similar representation of the exampled piece from p. 11. We never see the third representation as alluded to anywhere in Fernandez's declaration. We see: 4. Attached hereto as Exhibits B through L are true and correct copies of every other graphic design ..."

The case can be made the inclusion was also done willfully as it is alleged to appear more than once at the very least as best determined and includes elements from the original, the structure of the M, S, I and also dots, and the inclusion of stars. In most of my art I incorporated stars and or signed including at least one star.

#### Answer to Point II:

This was addressed in judicial conference on Sept. 16, 2010 by the Honorable Deborah Freeman being previously addressed by Chief Judge Loretta A. Preska who gave specific instructions to sustain a credible claim of copyright infringement supported by judicial statute. The order to me dated April 5, 2010. Upon compliance as stated the claim as amended complaint "shall be reviewed for *substantive* sufficiency and then, if proper, shall be reassigned to a district judge ..."

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#### Answer to Point III:

In this pre-discovery instance the depth of the involvement other than the financial benefits / arrangement through licensing, and sales cannot [sic] fully be determined. It can be said that all entities listed derived a financial benefit either through willful direct infringement, simple infringement, and or vicarious and or contributory copyright infringement ( Please see reply affirmation in support of motion for a third amended complaint) .

#### Answer to Point IV:

Please see Reply Affirmation in Support of Motion For A Third Amended Complaint number 5 . This references the U.S. Copyright Law and the Berne Convention.

### Answer to Point V:

This to be determined if necessary by the Court, respectfully submitted.

#### Answer to Point VI:

This also to be determined by the court as there are questions concerning attributable roles, time of existence of entities, and true measures of involvement in the instant case. This starting with Show &Prove LLC who is not credited during the time of game production but who is now involved with what is believed to be Ecko's latest gaming entry "Dexter" for i Phone, I Pad etc.

The branding for the game in question is undeniably ecko unltd.; the rhino logo, and Ecko Ultd. Games. (Please see Reply Affirmation as cited above in its entirety).

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			served document)
by	2	U.S Mai	rsonal delivery, mail, overnight express, etc.)
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